

REMARKS

Claims 5, 6, 9-11, 13, and 14 were pending as of the issuance of the instant Office Action. Claims 13 and 14, which are drawn to non-elected subject matter, have been canceled without prejudice as to further prosecution of the subject matter in future related applications. Claims 5, 6, and 9-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections set forth in the instant Office Action. However, in Examiner's Interviews of July 15 and July 16, the Examiner and the undersigned came to agreement that the amendment to claim 5 introduced herein (i.e., "wherein the compounds are present in an amount that produces a synergistic analgesic effect") would be acceptable and would overcome the instant rejection. Allowance of the claims is thereby respectfully solicited.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this Response or Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

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